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CONGRESS CONVENES IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

Panama's New Minister Asks Senator Morgan to Join Hands in Interest of the Waterway

Bunau-Varilla Sues for the Co-operation of the Father of Canal Project—Lunches With Secretary Hay.

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS AND WILL ARRANGE TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS

Dr. Herran Transmits Colombia's Protest to State Department—No Reply Made. Text Kept Secret.

The new minister from Panama, M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, is the guest at luncheon of the Secretary of State at the latter's residence.

Before leaving the Panama legation, temporarily established at the New Willard, for Secretary Hay's residence, M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla addressed a remarkable letter to Senator John T. Morgan, the "father of the canal project" and the deadly enemy of the Panama route.

M. Bunau-Varilla entreats Senator Morgan, champion of the Nicaraguan route for an isthmian canal, to abandon his advocacy of that route and to work for the interest of the Panama waterway.

The presentation of the new minister has not yet been arranged. He will have a conference with Secretary Hay after luncheon, when the details and the whole question of canal negotiations will be discussed. Mr. Varilla had no cables of official importance from Panama this morning, though he is keeping his government closely informed of the progress of events here.

Pleads for Co-operation.

The letter to Senator Morgan, which was dispatched by special messenger, is as follows:

"Republic of Panama, Nov. 9, 1903. Hon. John T. Morgan, United States Senator, Washington, D. C.

"Mr. Senator: As a champion of the completion of an isthmian canal across the American isthmus, as minister plenipotentiary of the new republic, the life of which has sprung from an expiation of the ardent desire of turning into reality this dream of the centuries, I feel myself bound to express to you my admiration for the display of indomitable will you have shown in the service of this noble conception.

"The fact that we have fought, both with all the energies of our souls, for a common ideal is not, as you are, the minor fact of having defended different solutions.

"I have not been on the same side as you, sir, because I entered into the field of activity about one-tenth of a century after you. The solution which was the better one fifty years ago, when there was scarcely any ship drawing more than seven hundred tons, has gradually seen its superiority vanish and transform itself into a deep inferiority according to the increase of the draft and of the length of ships.

"These gradual and scarcely noticeable changes in the technical necessities of the waterway are accountable for the difference of opinion between you, the champion of the solution of the middle of the nineteenth century, and the champions of the solution of the beginning of the twentieth.

"Now, Mr. Senator, I come to you and most respectfully entreat you to take the high place which is due to the honored veteran of the noblest fight that ever took place for the progress of the world and the welfare of mankind.

"I beg you not to throw away the title which the thankfulness of humanity owes to you, that of the father of the Isthmian Canal; I beg you to take the laurels of a victory which is yours by accepting with a generous and Christian mind what the changes in the necessities of ocean travel have made inevitable.

"You will well crown a noble life inspired by the greatest, the most patriotic, the most distinguished aim.

"I am, Mr. Senator, most respectfully yours, M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla.

Presents His Credentials.

Mr. Varilla did not call at the State Department this morning, but was busy at his apartments attending to correspondence. At 1:30 he drove to Secretary Hay's residence for luncheon. The minister presented his credentials to Secretary Hay at the latter's residence.

M. Bunau-Varilla is confident that only a short time will elapse when the

PANAMA'S MINISTER TO THIS COUNTRY.



SENOR PHILIPPE BUNAU-VARILLA.

recognition of the de facto government of Panama will be transformed into recognition of the government de jure.

Word was received here today that a commission of three has been appointed, and will leave Panama for Washington tomorrow, for the purpose of negotiating a treaty for the construction of the canal.

The Panama minister here will act in an advisory capacity with this commission. The financial terms of the treaty will be the same as those of the treaty negotiated with Colombia; that is, \$10,000,000 cash and \$250,000 a year rental after the expiration of seven years.

In other respects the treaty will be even more favorable to the United States, which will obtain exclusive jurisdiction over the canal strip in all police and sanitary matters, instead of having merely a divided control.

NO RESPONSE MADE TO COLOMBIAN PROTEST

No reply has been made by the State Department to the protest of the Colombian government against the action of the United States in recognizing the de facto government of Panama.

A formal note acknowledging the receipt of the Colombian protest was sent by Secretary Hay to Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires. At the State Department officials refuse to say whether an answer will be framed to the protest. The document was submitted to President Roosevelt by Secretary Hay, and is supposed to be in his hands at present. The President is known to have conferred with many of his intimate friends in Congress concerning the proper reply to make.

No Advice From Bogota.

Dr. Herran has had no advice from Bogota since November 2. The protest against the action of the United States on the isthmus was prepared by him without instructions from his home government. The fact that the protest is not direct from the Colombian government makes it a less formidable document, then it would be if it had been sent from Bogota, and it is possible that no answer to it will be prepared.

Communication with Bogota is difficult on account of the cutting of the Pacific cable by the Panama insurgents. The State Department received a dispatch this morning from Minister Beaupre, at Bogota, under date of November 6.

At that time Minister Beaupre knew of the revolution in Panama, but had heard nothing of the success of the movement and the recognition of the new government by the United States.

Minister Beaupre says in his dispatch that there is a great change in the canal sentiment at Bogota and that a great majority of the persons in the Colombian capital now favor the construction of the Panama Canal. There was nothing in Minister Beaupre's dispatch to indicate that he had received the instructions sent to him by Secretary Hay asking that he notify the Bogota government of the recognition of Panama by the United States.

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CANNON ELECTED SPEAKER OF HOUSE AMID APPLAUSE

Illinois Man Accepts the Honor in a Brief Speech.

WILLIAMS HIS OPPONENT
Impressive Exercises at the Capitol in Organizing the Lower Chamber.

From 10 o'clock until the hour of noon, the floor of the House presented a bustling scene, with old and new Congressmen and many visitors moving about.

At the stroke of noon, Clerk Alexander McDowell, of Pennsylvania, let the gavel fall, calling the House to order. Chaplain Conden, the blind preacher of the House, then offered a prayer while the members stood with bowed heads.

Proclamation Read.

The proclamation convening Congress in extra session was read, and following this the clerk proceeded to call the roll of members according to States. Three hundred and fifty of the 336 members accredited to the House responded to their names. Clerk McDowell then announced that a majority of the members were present, and that the first business would be the election of a Speaker.

Representative Hepburn, the newly elected chairman of the Republican caucus, arose slowly from his old seat on the Republican side, and everyone on the floor and in the galleries turned to listen to him. He simply said:

"Mr. Clerk, I nominate for the office of Speaker of the House the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, a Representative-elect from the State of Illinois."

Instantly the House broke into applause, the Republicans leading and many members of the minority joining in the outburst.

Williams Nominated.

Mr. Hay of Virginia, the chairman of the Democratic caucus, then arose and said: "Mr. Clerk, I nominate for the office of Speaker, the Hon. John Sharp Williams, a Representative-elect from the State of Mississippi."

As the clerk read, the first two votes recorded were for Mr. Cannon, by Representative Adams of Pennsylvania, and Representative Adams of Wisconsin. Mr. Adams, whose name was third on the list, was the first to vote for Mr. Williams.

Result of Ballot.

The roll call resulted at 1 o'clock p. m.: Cannon, 198; Williams, 136. Clerk McDowell then declared that Representative Cannon was elected Speaker of the Fifty-eighth Congress. There was more Republican applause.

Representative Williams and Representative Grosvenor (Rep., Ohio), were appointed a warm reception on his first appearance in the chamber of deputies. They charged that he belonged to the notorious Camorra Society of Naples, and it is believed that fear of his reception caused Rosano to take his own life.

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Members of House and Senate Surrounded by Autumn Blooms



SPEAKER JOSEPH G. CANNON.

Eyes in the Galleries Focused Upon Old Wheel Horses and New Congressional Colts.

'UNCLE JOE' CANNON CROWNS AMBITION

Senators Hanna and Gorman Fresh From Big Political Victories in Ohio and Maryland.

Pursuant to the proclamation of the President calling the Fifty-eighth Congress together in extra session, the Senate and House met at noon today in their respective chambers. Simultaneously as the hands of the Capitol clocks indicated the hour of 12, two gavels fell, one in the hand of Senator Frye in the Senate, and the other in the hand of Clerk McDowell in the House, and with this signal the wheels of national legislation, silent for the past eight months, again began to move.

A week or more must elapse, however, before they are properly oiled and working smoothly and swiftly. Today was opening day, and such a scene was presented at the Capitol as Washington is accustomed to see once every two years when a new Congress begins its work. Today there was added to the scene some interesting features.

New Congressional Stars.

Since the last Congress met the political stars of some statesmen have been dimmed, while others shine with greater brilliancy. It was upon these that the eyes of the eager and curious throng which went to the Capitol today were for the most part focused. It would be difficult to tell which house attracted the greater interest on account of the personnel of its members, but there is no doubt that the greater number of them all was "Uncle Joe" Cannon, as he realized the one ambition of his life—to be Speaker of the House of Representatives. For twenty-eight years the Danville statesman has labored in this representative body of the people, and today his labors were rewarded. It was a proud day for "Uncle Joe."

At the other end of the Capitol the man in whom greatest interest was manifested was doubtless Senator Hanna, fresh from his brilliant victory in the Buckeye State, smiling a broad smile of contentment and satisfaction. Across the aisle from the Ohio Senator, on the minority side, sat Senator Gorman. Upon his classic and almost clerical countenance there was also a happy smile, although hidden beneath the huge floral offering upon his desk. Gorman, recognized leader of the Senate minority, leading candidate of his party for the Presidency, the victor in the recent Maryland battle of the ballots, always calm, serene, self-poised, and confident, was easily the winner of second honors.

Senator Morgan on Deck.

There were others Senator Morgan of Alabama, for instance, cocked and primed anew for an attack upon the Panama Canal, and ready to talk for days, if the Senate will listen, in behalf of the Nicaraguan waterway.

On the House side next to Speaker Cannon, Mayor-elect George B. McClellan was, perhaps, most in the limelight. Everyone wanted to have pointed out the brilliant young man, who less than a week ago, was elected as the chief magistrate of the metropolis of the nation by a majority so overwhelming, McClellan sat quietly on the minority side, unostentatious, dignified, bearing his honors with grace and ease. Then there was Williams of Mississippi; none more brilliant than he, the new floor leader of the minority.

Heavens Were Bright.

The heavens were bright today with the glory of the November sun; the galleries were crowded to their capacity; the streets were thronged with visitors. The galleries were thrown open at 10 a. m. All precautions had been taken to prevent overcrowding. As rearranged, the seating capacity of the House galleries has been reduced to 588. To assure an orderly gathering, only those who had obtained tickets in advance from one of the members—each member having two—were admitted, thus reserving the 588 seats for 750 ticketholders.

BIG FLORAL DISPLAY IN HALLS OF CONGRESS

The legislative halls of Congress gathered more than statesmen today. The flower show at each end of the Capitol was such as is seldom, if ever, seen anywhere where such grotesque profusion as on the opening day of the session in the Senate and House.

In the Senate the flowers and designs were put upon the desks of the members, as usual in the House, however, because of the large number of new members to whose seats had not yet been assigned, all the flowers were displayed in the members' waiting room and corridor back of the Speaker's desk. After the drawing of seats began the flowers were brought into the hall.

The popular impression of the great scene in the Senate grew as the time approached for opening the session, until the general effect was like that obtained in a composite photograph.

There was a background of staid-looking desks—permanent, mute and bright in all the glory of new polish. There was the foreground made up of the

DATE FOR HEARING IN SECURITIES CASE

Supreme Court Sets January 4 Next as the Time. Important Questions Involved in Issue.

In the Supreme Court of the United States today Chief Justice Fuller designated January 4 as the date for hearing argument in the case of the State of Minnesota versus the Northern Securities Company, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the Great Northern Railway Company and James J. Hill as president of the Northern Securities Company and individually.

The questions at issue present alleged violations of the laws and public policy of the State of Minnesota, as well as the validity of such enactments, which are of the greatest importance to the citizens of Minnesota. The principal dif-

MINISTER OF FINANCE ROSANO A SUICIDE

Fearing Reception Planned by Socialists, Italian Kills Himself in Naples Station.

ROME, Nov. 9.—Senator Rosano, the new minister of finance, committed suicide in a railway station at Naples today.

The suicide has caused a tremendous sensation. The Socialists, it was reported, had arranged to give the finance minister a warm reception on his first appearance in the chamber of deputies. They charged that he belonged to the notorious Camorra Society of Naples, and it is believed that fear of his reception caused Rosano to take his own life.

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TRAIN HOLD-UP REPORTED

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 9.—A Chicago and Alton passenger train is said to have been held up and robbed near Goodhue, Ill., shortly after midnight. Nothing definite is known here.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather has been generally cloudy from the middle and north Pacific Coast over the plateau and northern Rocky Mountain regions with rain or snow, and the cloud area has extended this morning over the middle and upper Missouri valleys.

During the next thirty-six hours the temperature will rise, and the weather will continue fair in the middle and north Atlantic States, and showers will occur in the south Atlantic States. In the upper Ohio Valley and lower lake region fair and warmer weather will be followed tomorrow by rain and cooler.

9 a. m.	23
12 noon	25
3 p. m.	27

THE SUN.

Sun sets today.....4:53 p. m.

Sun rises tomorrow.....6:36 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today.....11:18 p. m.

High tide tomorrow.....11:46 a. m.

Low tide tomorrow.....6:02 a. m., 6:15 p. m.